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GIVE THE LEASER A SHOW.

CAREFUL perusal of Senator Kenney's bill for the protection of labor employed on leases shows that there is an evident intent on the part of the senator to secure for the working man his just dues and for the intent he is deserving of great praise, as are all other humanitarians, and it is undeniable that there have been occasions when the protection has been inadequate and the leasers should have been sent to jail, but the effect of the Kenney bill, forcing all leasers to give bonds, and the assembly bill by Leary fixing punishment for failure of leasers to meet their obligations, is virtually penalizing a class for the transgressions of a few of its individual members, as well as throttling an industry employing hundreds of miners and providing the foundations for future camps of wealth and greatness.

If such bills had been laws at the time of the beginnings of Tonopah, this camp would have lasted like an April shower. It would have been impossible for the leasers to have operated their blocks if compelled to put up bonds. It will be remembered that few of the miners received any pay until after the first shipments of ore were settled for. The leasers themselves were kept busy rustling steel and powder and grub for themselves and the conditions gave rise to a spirit of comradeship between the miners and their employers, a condition which continued most amicable until the entrance of labor agitators to the district. The history of Tonopah was the history also of a number of other permanent mining towns in Nevada, which had their start under the leasing system, and which now employ more than a thousand miners, who would not have work in their mines if in the leasing days pot luck had not been shared. It is true that in one or two camps the leasing system was turned in many instances into a farce, not to say a fraud. Fly-by-night promoters operated blocks of ground simply for the purpose of selling stock, and when they had unloaded both treasury and promotion, they departed and the miners had the scanty satisfaction gained through attaching the gallows frame and blacksmith shop. For outfits like these a bond is not sufficient—they should be made to pay all their bills in advance, but the many honest leasers who take a chance and give their little all to their enterprises should not be compelled to suffer for the crimes and misdemeanors of the dishonest few.

NO ADVANTAGE IN SUGGESTED CHANGE.

A GAIN the proposition of making the tenure of county offices four years instead of two has been broached. It is a biennial theme for discussion and the present occasion certainly could not be overlooked. The merits of the idea have been advanced by several of the state papers, but their chief argument does not hold good since the corrupt practices act came into force. Those favoring the idea contend that it is unfair to an officeholder to compel him to begin to do politics as soon as he assumes his duties. In view of the fact that he will be compelled to be a candidate again within two years if he desires to succeed himself. It is true that there are some officeholders who devote more time to politics than they do to their official duties. A few of them by this means succeed themselves, although the thinking people of the county, those who appreciate good service rather than keen politics, regret that they are outnumbered at the polls. On the other hand, there are many good men who are elected term after term, running almost solely upon their record in office. Under the corrupt practices act, it costs but a trifle of the former amount to be a candidate for office and thus the burden of the biennial election is eased.

While there are many officials whose service is so excellent that it would be perfectly satisfactory if their term was eight years instead of two, there are others whose term of two years is entirely too long. But a man's unfitness for office sometimes is not discovered until after the election, in which case the prospect of having him occupy the position for four long years would be a very dreary one.

BETTER POSTPONE THE DATE

NEVADA'S newspaper editors are invited to attend a welfare and efficiency conference on the 5th and 6th of February at Reno, the said conference to be under the auspices of the University of Nevada. Inasmuch as the publishers of the state are to meet for a little conference of their own at a later date, the promoters of the welfare and efficiency congress should have deferred their meeting, so that there would have been an opportunity for professors and pencil pushers to unite their talents, for there are no other two professions in the world that know more about efficiency—in others, nor who have as many highbrow ideas regarding the welfare of the listening and reading public. It is said indeed that they could not all assemble at such a talkfest.

BRANCH MINING SCHOOL FOR TONOPAH

LEST the reader weary of too much reference to the actions, past, present and future, of the Nevada legislature made in this department today, the Bonanza will close with but one more comment, one respecting the bill introduced by Mr. Schmidt in the assembly, providing for the establishment of a branch of the Mackay School of Mines of the University of Nevada at Tonopah and providing \$5,250 for its maintenance. In advance of receipt of a copy of the bill, it is impossible to learn whether this is to be an annual or a biennial appropriation. The allowance, if for two years, is entirely too small. It might pay for the services of a competent instructor, but would not allow for rent, lights, heating, equipment and other expenses. If for that sum per year, it might be considered sufficient.

Tonopah pays a tremendous sum of money yearly for the support of the state and its institutions, included in which is the University of Nevada. It asks little in return, and expects little. There is not a single public institution in all of southern Nevada, the empire mineral region of the west. A branch of the school of mines would be but a trifling concession and Mr. Schmidt should have asked for a larger appropriation, but \$5,250 a year

is better than nothing. It is a fact that one correspondence school has 135 students in Tonopah and nearly all the members are adults, and of the adults nearly all are miners. They are taking courses in assaying, prospecting, mine working, timbering, metallurgy and allied sciences. It would seem as though the state should defray the cost of this instruction and should make it most practical, giving courses that are applicable to local conditions, for conditions in southern Nevada are not such as prevail in the deep depths of the Transvaal or the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Mr. Schmidt, when you're gittin' git a plenty, for a plenty is what southern Nevada deserves and needs.

The successor to Victor L. Ricketts as editor-in-chief of the Reno Evening Gazette has not yet been announced, but it is to be hoped that it will be some one capable of preserving the excellent standard set by the retiring chief, to each of whom the Bonanza extends its best wishes. Mr. Ricketts has not announced his plans, but it is very probable that he will continue in newspaper work in this state.

The anti-nepotism bill, about which so much has been said, deals largely with that form of relationship known as "affinity." It must have been drafted in Reno.

Gradually the five-cent loaf is being eliminated throughout the United States, which is probably due to the high cost of warring.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Things to worry about: Owing to the war the price of mummies has taken an awful slump.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Another big battle in the war that doesn't begin until next May is being fought along the Alsine river.—Detroit Free Press.

Well, the state military of South Carolina can congratulate itself when reorganized that it's not a legacy from Cole Blease.—Richmond News-Leader.

With practically every able-bodied Frenchman on the firing line, we do not hear much these days about the decadence of the French nation, due to absinthe and lax morals.—Albany Argus.

NOTED DEVINE HAD LOWLY BEGINNINGS

DR. McCLELLAND BEGAN LIFE AT A SALARY OF FIVE SHILLINGS A WEEK

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Rev. H. S. McClelland, B. A., B. D., who has been called from the East Finchley Congregational church to the leading church of that sect in Glasgow, began life as an office boy in Fleet street on a salary of five shillings a week. As men who have worked up from \$1.25 a week and paid their way through the university are less numerous in England than in the United States, his promotion has attracted considerable notice in the London press.

McClelland was born in Belfast in 1882. His father's going on the stage early caused an estrangement in the family, and when his mother died he and his brothers were adopted by their grandfather, a Belfast linen manufacturer. The grandfather was sternly religious, and punished the future pastor on one occasion for whistling on the Sabbath. The boy was sent to a Quaker school. On his grandfather's death, he came to London to make his own fortune when 14 years old.

As \$1.25 was not enough to keep him, he found a family willing to board him on credit. Soon he found a job as a salesman in a book store at 15 shillings a week, then with a big firm of tea merchants, where he became a secretary to one of the partners. This suggested the tea business for himself. He found he could make more as a drummer for

The Rev. Billy Sunday may not succeed in plucking the fangs of sin from the heart of Philadelphia, but it is a safe bet that he will relieve it of a good deal of its tainted money.—New Orleans States.

That woman who sued for divorce alleging her husband gave her only fifty cents in thirty-five years should be allowed alimony to the limit and probably will get it.—Cincinnati Commercial.

The cotton loan is to expire by time limitation February 1. It had so many strings tied to it that it failed to work; and the money that was placed in reserve may as well be turned out to strengthen the general trade.—Mobile Register.

a wholesale perfumery house. Then it was, at the age of 1, that he determined to educate himself. With a capital of \$500 he had saved, he entered Nottingham college, where he soon won a scholarship. After taking his B. A. there, he entered New college, London, where he was largely supported by scholarships, taking an essay prize for three years and the jubilee medal at the end. The engagement of the Rev. McClelland to the daughter of Sir Andrew Torrance, formerly M. P., was announced recently.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and all friends and acquaintances during our bereavement over flowers and extended their sympathies during our bereavement over the death of our late relative, Patrick Murphy.

(Signed) D. A. MURPHY
 MRS. BYRNE
 MISS ANNIE MURPHY
 MRS. J. D. MURPHY
 AND FAMILY.

ERROR IN COPY

Through a mistake in the copy handed to the Bonanza yesterday from the high school the name of Helen Mitchell appeared in place of Helen Davis among those who led the freshmen class in scholarship. Helen Davis maintained the highest standing throughout the semester of any member of her class. Helen Mitchell is a member of the junior class.

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